



# GCC sets up industrial framework

RIYADH, Oct. 20 (SPA) — The Industrial Cooperation Committee ended its second day of meeting here with the committee's president, Dr. Ghazi Algosabi, saying the talks were "useful and constructive."

The committee includes industry ministers from the six Gulf countries, who discussed economic coordination and cooperation as part of its effort under the Gulf Cooperation Council. According to Algosabi, Saudi Arabia's minister of industry and electricity, the committee's task is to transform the cooperation and coordination among Gulf states from an operation that fluctuates under various circumstances to one that is stable and permanent.

Speaking at a press conference after the talks, Algosabi said the committee didn't make any resolutions regarding a specific project or projects. Rather, it set up an organizational framework for rules and procedures

and drew up a future concept of industrial cooperation strategies, he added. He also expressed the wish that the cooperation effort be a continuing process rather than a "feature" that draws media attention or produces resolutions that are only partially implemented.

Algosabi said cooperation could be fruitful under the framework of existing institutions—similar to the system applied by the European Economic Community, which studies the development of stable organizations—by issuing resolutions by which all member states would abide without the need for major meetings or conferences.

He added that the committee instituted three decisions regarding industrial cooperation. The first calls for the GCC general secretary to prepare a statute for the committee, and calls for the committee to meet twice a year.

The second decision regards the present industrial situation. The most important decisions include heightening cooperation among operational industries, conducting a comprehensive survey on present industrial conditions and regulations in the region. This would unite industries and provide an information exchange system that would enable the general secretary to receive a copy of any industrial license issued by any member country.

To accomplish this proposal, a meeting will be held in Bahrain in December and the Kingdom will present a working paper on how to accomplish the task, Algosabi said.

The third group of decisions concerns

future concepts, for which several highly-important recommendations have been submitted to the GCC Supreme Council. The recommendations include a unified industrial strategy that will govern the establishment of any future industry, and will take into consideration environmental protection and reducing labor-intensive industries in order to concentrate on capital-intensive industries. Kuwait will prepare the working paper on the subject, Algosabi said.

Included among the resolutions was setting up a united standards organization for GCC member states, and recommendations on establishing financing body for industries. A decision on joint ventures was taken up and responsibility was given to the committee for its implementation and coordination.

Algosabi reiterated that Gulf industrial cooperation is a supplement to Arab strategy. He also said the Qatar-based Arab Gulf Industrial Consultations Organization was commissioned to conduct specific studies on strategies for iron and steel, marketing of petrochemicals and joint Gulf projects. The GCC will draw up the overall industrial strategy, he added.

The minister said no international company or monopoly can prevent Gulf states from obtaining the advanced technology they require. "We have the negotiating capability in regard to our financial, oil and political position of the region," he said. Transfer of technology in the Gulf is more advanced than any other area in the Third World, he added.

Transfer of technology needs coordination

and cooperation and the committee made two decisions toward the goal. The first calls for formation of a committee of senior officials from the leading industrial companies. The committee will discuss problems arising from dealing with international industries and markets. The committee will meet regularly to undertake collective decisions about any obstacles created by any company or party against the Gulf region's industrial progress.

The second decision deals with a study to establish a joint technology center in the region to tackle problems of technology transfer.

## Nuclear, solar considered

Speaking of nuclear power and its use as an energy source, Algosabi said it is a controversial subject that has not been endorsed by all countries yet. The Kingdom doesn't need, at this stage of its development, any nuclear reactor as a result of the abundant gas oil resources it has. He added that other factors include insufficient manpower and qualified personnel.

But as a scientific research subject, there is interest in nuclear energy, the minister said. Universities are giving this intersubject their attention and the National Science and Technology Center has been authorized to carry out this task. The strategy concentrates on qualifying Saudi Arabian personnel first and later

# Local industries get protection from rivals

RIYADH, Oct. 20 (SPA) — Foremost among the resolutions adopted by the GCC Industrial Cooperation Committee is a decision to protect and promote national industries in the face of similar foreign products. Member states are requested to forward to the General Secretariat a list of the products to be subsidized and protected, according to the final communique of the GCC committee.

The General Secretariat will call a joint

meeting of representatives of the member states' ministries of industry and finance to define the bases and lay down the necessary groundwork for the protectionist measures.

First, the General Secretariat will undertake the necessary studies which will cover:

- a) The quantity of local production compared with the consumption by countries of the area;
- b) The production cost and local production price compared with the prices prevailing internationally and in the area;
- c) The products' quality compared with the required local and international standards; and
- d) The cases of foreign saturation marketing and unlawful competition faced by local products on the part of imported items.

Secondly, a review of the protection and subsidy systems applied in the industrial countries and some developing countries and the possibility of benefiting from them.

Thirdly, the bases and criteria proposed to be followed when adopted the decisions pertaining to subsidy and protection.

The general secretariat will submit the studies and recommendations to two committees on industrial cooperation and financial, economic and trade cooperation for adoption of the necessary resolutions in their regard.

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## Majed to open desalination plant

JEDDAH, Oct. 20 (SPA) — King Khaled has asked Makkah Governor Prince Majed to dedicate on his behalf Saturday the fourth phase of the Jeddah desalination plant and electricity generating station, it was disclosed here Tuesday. The plant is capable of producing 50 million gallons of water and 500 megawatts of power per day.

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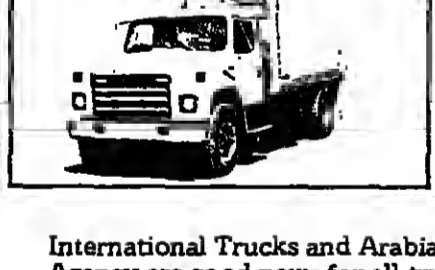
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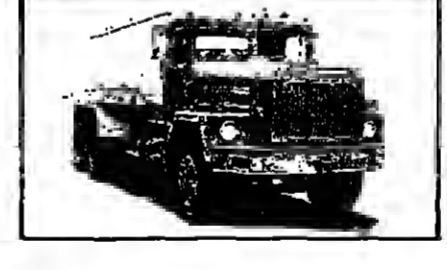
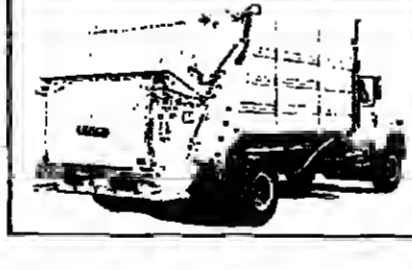
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By Interior Ministry

# Merchants fined for illegal practices

RIYADH, Oct. 20 (SPA) — Interior Minister Prince Naif issued Tuesday an order punishing 10 merchants who offended the supply regulations. Prince Naif's order was based on a report submitted by Commerce Minister Soliman A. Solaim. The offences involved the failure of merchants to place

price tags on all the merchandise they displayed in their shops.  
A Taif shopowner was fined SR2,000 and had his shop closed for a week because he did not place labels on his goods despite previous warnings and fines. The merchant also was ordered to make an announcement regarding the punishment sentence in a local newspaper at his own expense.

Nine other merchants from the regions of Najran, Taif and Riyadh also were fined SR2,000 in addition to announcing their punishment in local papers at their expense. The ministry's move comes as part of the strict measures enforced to control prices, achieve prosperity and protect consumers.

In order to further protect consumers the Commerce Ministry earlier also had warned merchants not to deal in imitation goods or those bearing spurious trademarks with a view to deceiving consumers. Previously the

ministry urged merchants to take note of details on the origin and quality of goods and to ensure that they are genuine. It added that importers must ensure all this at the time of concluding commercial contracts.

Another agency acting to monitor consumer interests is the Quality Control Laboratory of the Consumer Protection Directorate. The directorate earlier requested the Kingdom's chambers of commerce to inform cigar and tobacco importers to print a warning on tobacco merchandise.

## London mayor lauds progress

RIYADH, Oct. 20 (SPA) — The Mayor of London, Sir Ronald Thorpe, currently visiting Riyadh reiterated that Britain supported the principles enshrined in the Saudi Arabian peace plan for ensuring peace in the Middle East.

In an interview with *Okaz* newspaper, Sir Ronald said Britain considered the eight-point formula put forward by Crown Prince Fahd as a constructive and viable formula for the realization of peace in the region and the peaceful settlement of the Mideast issue.

He emphasized the importance of the Kingdom in the international arena and its useful role in establishing and securing international peace, particularly in the Middle East region.

He expressed his pleasure over the great progress achieved by the Kingdom in its efforts and King Khaled's government's sincere efforts in offering the desired services and benefits to its people.

## Prince Abdullah returns from tour

RIYADH, Oct. 20 (SPA) — Prince Abdullah, second deputy premier and commander of the National Guard, returned here late Monday evening from a tour of Arab countries.

Prince Abdullah was met at the airport by Medina Governor Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Abdul Aziz; Defense and Aviation Minister Prince Sultan; Prince Mi'eb, the minister of public works and housing and acting minister of municipal and rural affairs; Prince Talal ibn Abdul Aziz, the honorary assistant U.N. secretary general and head of the Arab Gulf fund for the U.N. development institutions; Prince Badr, the deputy commander of the National Guard; and Riyadh Governor Prince Salman.

Other princes, ministers, state officials and high-ranking officers were on hand at the airport to receive Prince Abdullah who was accompanied by Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al-Tuwaijri, the Guard's assistant deputy commander.

## Pilgrims depart

JEDDAH, Oct. 20 (SPA) — More than 276,670 pilgrims departed between the end of the Hajj period and last Sunday, according to Ibrahim Abdul Rahman Al-Sadhan, assistant interior undersecretary for passports and civil status.

Meanwhile, according to Commerce Ministry officials quoted by *Okaz*, no complaints were received this year about any food or ice shortage, as a result of the efforts deployed this year by the state to prevent such shortages. The ice was available everywhere at cheap prices.

# International drive mounts for Fahd's peace initiative

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Oct. 20 — More countries, announced their support Monday to Crown Prince Fahd's eight-point plan to re-establish peace in the Middle East.

The peace package was disclosed by the prince in a newspaper interview a few months ago, and received worldwide support and recognition. It constitutes the common denominator of the position of all Arab countries, including Palestine represented by the Palestine Liberation Organization, and the minimum that the Arabs can accept.

The plan was endorsed Monday, according to a French news agency report, by Japan. Foreign Minister Sonao Sonoda said Japan backs the efforts exerted by the Kingdom to achieve peace in the Middle East.

Sonoda, who will be meeting Prince Fahd in Cancun, Mexico, during the North-South summit, also said that after talks with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, during a recent Japan visit, he was confident that the Palestinian leader will help foster the current peace process in the Middle East.

Also, Senegalese President Abdou Diouf told a press conference in Manama Monday evening that he was renewing his support to Prince Fahd's initiative, adding that he will discuss the plan with King Khaled during his forthcoming visit to Saudi Arabia. He also hailed the results so far achieved by the Gulf Cooperation Council.

The plan calls for complete Israeli withdrawal from the territories occupied during the 1967 war, recognition of the inalienable

national rights of the Palestinian people, and the establishment of an independent Palestinian state.

Meanwhile, in Jeddah Ghanian Ambassador to the Kingdom, Mahmoud Soka Ibrahim, said his country supports Prince Fahd's peace plan. He described the plan as a "practical approach for a peaceful settlement in the Middle East" because it is a comprehensive and just proposal presented by a country well known on its policy toward the Palestine question.

Ghana has been considering the contents of the Saudi Arabian plan, the ambassador said in a statement Tuesday. He added that his country considers it the most integrated and realized plan presented so far. The plan has been welcomed with satisfaction on the African continent and at international levels after several previous proved stale, the ambassador said.

He called on African countries to play a constructive role so that the Saudi Arabian proposal is actually implemented. The ambassador said Israel should be understanding to such initiatives and seize the opportunity because such solutions could not be available always. "Several proposals to settle the Middle East question were founded before, but none won the support achieved by the Saudi Arabian proposal," the Ghanian ambassador said.

He commented the vital role played by the Kingdom in the international arena, both economically and politically. He also stressed that relations between his country and the Kingdom are developing.



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ABU DHABI, Oct. 20 (WAM) — Abdullah Al Mazroui, advisor at the UAE presidential court, left here Tuesday for Somalia, leading the UAE delegation participating in the launching ceremony of the Dh210 million (about \$57.5 million) highway that links Berbera, "a strategic port on the Red Sea" to Buro, some 122 kms. southeast of Berbera.

The project, financed by the Abu Dhabi government has been under construction since 1977. The delegation includes Ibrahim Faiz, deputy managing director of the Abu Dhabi Fund for Arab Economic Development (ADFAED). The delegation was seen off at the airport by Abdullah Haj Abdul Rahman, Somali ambassador to the UAE.

ABU DHABI, Oct. 20 (WAM) — A symposium on Arab refineries, sponsored by the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries in cooperation with the Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) will open here on November 4th.

The symposium, entitled, "Oil projects,

Contracts and Execution" aims at exchanging views and benefiting from the expertise of Arab and foreign companies and establishments in the construction and development of oil projects in the Arab states.

The six-day symposium considered an excellent opportunity for Arab oil specialists to exchange information, will center on various styles for tenders, contracts financial matters, loans, implementation and supervision on oil projects and other matters pertaining to oil industry.

More than 75 specialists and officials in the oil industry from various Arab states will participate in the symposium. Prior to the meeting, the directors and experts of the Arab refineries will play field visits to petroleum installations in the UAE, Bahrain and Qatar to get first hand information on the progress made in this field.

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Visit termed 'private'

# U.S. to ignore views of Nixon on Mideast

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (AP) — The administration of U.S. President Ronald Reagan appeared indifferent to the Middle East findings of former President Richard M. Nixon, saying it might not be interested in a briefing from him on events in the volatile region.

White House and State Department officials stressed that Nixon went to Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Tunisia and Morocco after Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's funeral in Cairo as "a private citizen," carrying no messages from Reagan to the heads of state he met with in those countries. Richard V. Allen, the national security director, said he knew of no plan to brief Nixon on his travels. He added, however, that it was "not impossible" that Nixon would be invited to present his findings.

The White House official assigned to look after the three former presidents said he did not learn of Nixon's expanded travel plan until the delegation assembled at Cairo airport for the flight home. "The first knowledge I had that Nixon was not going to return was when we got to the airplane," said Joseph Canzeri, a deputy presidential assistant. "Other persons might have known. I didn't know."

Canzeri added: "The only difference for me was there would be two empty seats on the way home." They were the seats reserved for Nixon and Nicholas Ruwe, who traveled with the former president. But Ruwe, who personally called foreign leaders to make Nixon's travel arrangements, said Nixon purposely did not make his plans public. "From Nixon's point of view, it was vital that nothing detract from the funeral. That's terribly important," Ruwe said. "Our overriding emphasis for holding the trip close was not to make news until the last volley was fired over that coffin."

In Paris Sunday, before flying home, Nixon issued a statement about his trip. In it, he recommended the United States mount an economic quarantine of Libya and attacking Col. Muammar Qaddafi.

Nixon also said that the United States might have to negotiate directly with the Palestine Liberation Organization if no progress is made in the autonomy negotiations over the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Allen, like most administration officials, said he was unaware of Nixon's plan to break off from the delegation until the day of Sadat's funeral.

"I talked with Nixon four or five times," Allen said of his onetime boss. "I did not know about his trip until Saturday." White House spokesman Larry Speakes said, however, that Nixon informed Reagan of his plans before the delegation left Washington Oct. 8.

## 12 Libyans said killed in Chad

KHARTOUM, Oct. 20 (AFP) — Twelve Libyan troops were killed in fighting last week in the eastern Chadian town of Mongo between forces loyal to Chadian Foreign Minister Aeyl Ahmad and those backing Interior Minister Mahamat Abba Seid, the

Sudanese news agency said here Monday. It said 30 members of the Aeyl Ahmad forces were killed in the fighting, which apparently ended when President Goukouni Oueddei sent to the town elements of the embryo integrated national army and ordered the rival factions to leave.

# Sphinx has gaping hole as 120 stones fall down

CAIRO, Oct. 20 (AP) — Some 120 stones have dropped from the left rear leg of the sphinx, leaving a gaping hole nearly twice the height of a man, the authoritative daily *Al-Ahram* reported Tuesday.

Egyptologists fear the head of the 4,500-year-old giant stone cat may be the next to fall unless scientists can arrest the eroding process caused by a rising water table, the newspaper said. The newspaper said the stones that dropped out were from repairs made during the Greco-Roman era about 2,000 years ago. A photograph taken after the collapse Monday shows a man surveying the damage, dwarfed by the hole.

The newspaper said the hole measured two by three meters. Scientists have been studying causes of rapid deterioration of the sphinx, which stands guard next to the pyramids of Giza. Chips of stone have been flaking off the neck and other parts of the body have been eroded.

Theories blame sandstorms, wind, rain and pollution, but one of the most popular theories is that water is seeping up through the bottom of the statue, bringing corrosive salts with it. The water table beside the Nile has been rising since the building of the Aswan High Dam in southern Egypt in the 1960s, keeping the level of the river more constant.

Studies have been made for several years to determine the cause of the erosion and a number of cures have been proposed or tried including forcing glue into the stone to reinforce the neck.

Other proposals have been to put a glass table over the statue or to rebury it in hot desert sands as it had lain for centuries until the French unearthed the body in 1926. There have been a number of repair efforts. In 1979, new stones were put on the northern side to cut down wind erosion.

## 'Too big for small country'

### Plea to stop Libyan building in U.S.

NEW YORK, Oct. 20 (AP) — The Libyan government is building a "hotbed for anti-American activity" in mid-Manhattan and should be stopped, Drew Stein, the borough's president, said Monday.

Stein said he was suspicious because the building under construction to house the Libyan mission to the United Nations is too big for such a small country. "The proposed building obviously surpasses the needs of a simple mission to the United Nations," he said at a news conference outside the construction site. "The clandestine aims and goals of the Libyan government... must cause us to question the uses to which this new

building will be put."

In letters to New York Senators Daniel Moynihan and Alfonse d'Amato asking their intervention in the matter, Stein said the proposed building will have 10 floors of residential space, 13 floors of office space and two floors "for what was termed 'education and training'."

The United States has no diplomatic relations with Libya. Because the United Nations is an international agency, under international and diplomatic law, the United States also has limited formal authority over U.N. members.

## Polisario denies charge

### Soviet missiles not used in Sahara

UNITED NATIONS, Oct. 20 (AP) — The Polisario Front Monday denied allegations that Soviet-made missiles were used to shoot down two Moroccan Air Force planes in the contested Western Sahara.

Morocco's King Hassan claimed the attacks last week at the desert outpost of Guelta Zemmur were carried out by non-Africans firing sophisticated Soviet surface-to-air missiles. Polisario spokesman Muhammad Abdul Fatah denied the allegation, and said the attack, some 30 kms from the border with Mauritania, was carried out by Polisario Front members. But he refused to say what weapons were used.

Abdul Fatah also said that the Polisario Front would be willing to negotiate a peace agreement immediately with Morocco, in accordance with a proposal of the Organization of African Unity. Earlier this year, the OAU proposed a referendum in Western Sahara to determine whether the territory will be independent, or part of Morocco, which claims sovereignty over it.

## Kuwait suspends daily for 3 days

KUWAIT, Oct. 20 (AFP) — The Kuwaiti government has suspended the daily *Al Rai Al Aam* for three days for contravening publishing regulations, the ministry of information announced here Tuesday. On Saturday, the newspaper carried a cartoon considered offensive to Sudanese President Jaffar Numairi.

## For Mideast peace

# Civil rights leader says PLO is the missing link

CLEVELAND, Oct. 20 (AP) — Recognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization is the missing link to fruitful peace talks in the Mideast, according to civil rights leader Jesse Jackson.

ognizes its right to talk with the organization but chooses not to, Jackson said. The United States could make the difference if it would recognize the group, he said.

"We need to move toward a mutual recognition policy of the PLO, to first understand that it does exist," Jackson said Monday during a news conference in Cleveland. "It is now clear from every level of intelligence that the PLO is the missing link in Mideast talks." Egypt recognizes the PLO, while Israel rec-

"If America would not threaten military strength in the Mideast but use full diplomatic strength, the talks could progress," said Jackson, who held private meetings with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat last year. Jackson said the statement by former Presidents Gerald Ford and Jimmy Carter last week that talks with the PLO should be held was significant.

## On parties and patriotism

### Ecevit rebuts Evren's allegations

ANKARA, Oct. 20 (AP) — Turkey's former Social Democratic Prime Minister Bulent Ecevit, in a move that could send him to jail, rebutted Tuesday assertions by Gen. Kenan Evren that Turkey's political parties were closed because they did not have Turkey's interests at heart.

Meeting with reporters in his suburban Ankara apartment, Ecevit said he made the rebuttal according to article 27 of the Turkish Constitution. That article, Ecevit said, grants "the right of rebuttal in case of publications or broadcasts containing derogatory remarks or allegations contrary to fact." Ecevit's speech was broadcast on state radio and television, to which Ecevit addressed his rebuttal.

But it seemed clear to Turkish legal observers that Ecevit could be jailed for up to two years by the ruling military on the grounds he violated military communique 52 which bars him and all other politicians from commenting on Turkey's past, present or future.

Asked why he did not simply remain silent, Ecevit said, "if everybody is silent in the face of such actions (the closure of the parties), then we have no right to claim we deserve democracy," Ecevit said.

Evren's speech last Friday accused leaders

of the now-closed parties of failing to "put away personal or party interests in favor of the nation's welfare and peace of mind and the state's prosperity."

Ecevit resigned his party chairmanship last November, a day after Evren decreed that the men at the helm of Turkey's political parties on the eve of the Sept. 12, 1980, coup would not be allowed to return to politics. "Having held a responsible position for many years in the Republican People's Party, I believe at least I had no right to keep completely out and I decided to use my constitutional right in presenting this rebuttal in connection with allegations against myself and my party — allegations I consider contrary to fact," Ecevit said.

Ecevit has had several clashes with the military authorities since the coup. He was jailed for a short period after the military coup in September last year, prevented from accepting invitations to travel abroad, forced to resign the editorship of a magazine and questioned on several occasions by military prosecutors.

Suleyman Demirel, prime minister at the time of the coup and chairman of one conservative Justice Party, has maintained a stony silence since the military takeover.

## France may send men for Sinai unit

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (Agencies) — France may contribute troops to the multinational force in the Sinai provided for under the Camp David accords between Egypt, Israel and the United States, reliable sources said here Tuesday following the U.S. visit of French President Francois Mitterrand.

The sources, who took part in talks with the French leader during the two days he spent in Virginia, said Mitterrand believed a successful and complete Israeli evacuation of the Egyptian Sinai was important for Middle East peace. During his meetings with U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Secretary of

State Alexander Haig, Mitterrand agreed to consider French participation in the 2,500-man multinational peacekeeping force.

Meanwhile, in Canberra, the Australian Premier Malcolm Fraser said Australia will be able to decide on its commitment to the proposed Sinai peacekeeping force soon. Officials said it now appears likely Australia will join the U.S.-sponsored force.

Fraser told parliament Tuesday the assassination of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat raised new issues and his government had been in close touch with other governments on the subject.

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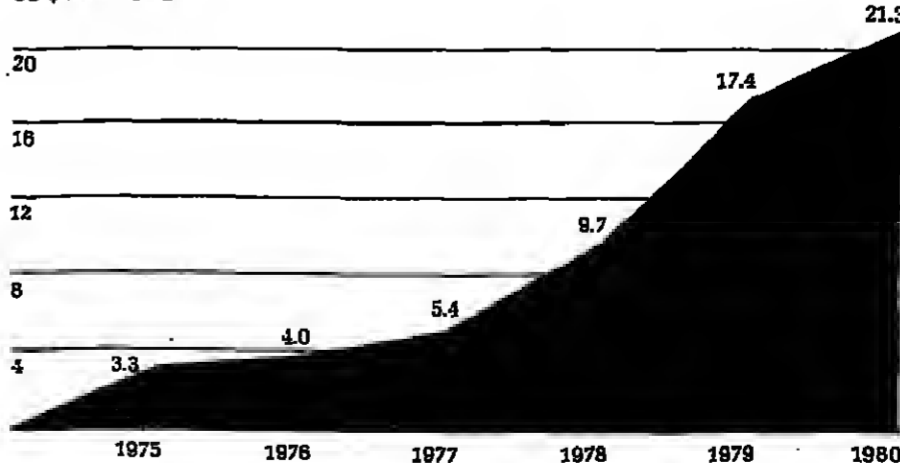
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**Brezhnev, Arafat condemn U.S.**

**Russia grants PLO diplomatic status**

MOSCOW, Oct. 20 (Agencies) — The Soviet Union Tuesday announced it was upgrading the Moscow office of the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) by giving it full diplomatic status.

Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev personally informed PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat of the move at a meeting in the Kremlin Tuesday, the official Tass news agency reported. Up to now, the PLO office in Moscow has been accredited not with the foreign ministry, but with the semi-official Afro-Asian Solidarity Committee.

Brezhnev assured Arafat that the Soviet Union "would always side with the just cause of the Palestinians," Tass said. The Soviet leader then informed Arafat that the PLO's three-man mission in Moscow had been granted official diplomatic status. Diplomats here said the move appeared to be a significant step by the Soviet Union.

The Kremlin meeting was attended by Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko and by the head of the PLO's political department, Farouk Kaddoumi. Arafat was last in Moscow during the Olympic games in the summer of 1980, but he did not meet Brezhnev.

Tass described the meeting between Brezhnev and Arafat, who arrived here Monday, as warm and friendly, and said they agreed the present tension in the Middle East was caused by the United States and Israel. Brezhnev said the Soviet Union would continue to give full support to the Palestinian cause, and praised the role of the PLO as the

"sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

According to Tass, Brezhnev and Arafat condemned U.S. "interference" in Egypt and American "hostile activities" against Libya. Arafat gave his backing to the Soviet goal of a new Middle East peace conference, for which Moscow has been trying to win backing in the Arab world.

Both sides expressed "their serious concern over the worsening situation in the Middle East, caused by the militarist aims of the United States and Israel's increased aggressiveness." "By openly proclaiming the strategic unity between Washington and Tel Aviv," Tass said, "the U.S. has made Israel the principal instrument of the achievement of its plans, which consists of imposing its military, political, and economic domination on the peoples of the Middle East."

Both sides agreed, Tass said, that the U.S. "is encouraging Israel to pursue an expansionist policy to the detriment of the Arab people, to perpetuate the occupation of Arab territories, to conduct aggressive actions against south Lebanon, to flout the national rights of the Palestinian people, and to crush the Palestinian resistance movement."

Brezhnev and Arafat also accused the U.S. of trying to create "a dangerous hotbed of tension in the Mediterranean" and of putting "its fleet and so-called Rapid Intervention Force" into a state of high military preparation. Both sides regarded these actions as "an attempt by Washington to interfere in the internal affairs of Egypt and other Arab states and put pressure on them," Tass said.

**BRIEFS**

PARIS, (AFP) — Six Iranians who failed to turn up in court to answer charges of possessing offensive weapons were fined \$90 each and received suspended two-month jail sentences here Tuesday.

NEW DELHI, (R) — Forty-one Afghans were detained at Delhi airport Tuesday after arriving on a flight from Pakistan with forged passports. They said they wanted asylum in India.

BAHRAIN, (R) — Oman expressed hope Tuesday that Arab states which boycotted Egypt after the Camp David peace treaty

with Israel would change their attitude after the assassination of President Anwar Sadat. The government newspaper *Oman* quoted Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Qais Abdul-Mounim al-Zawawi as saying he hoped the Arab states would think afresh.

DACCA, (AFP) — Acting President Justice Abdus Sattar has canceled his proposed visit to the North-South summit in Cancun, Mexico, "because of preoccupations at home," it was announced here Monday.

DOHA, (AFP) — Senegalese President Abdou Diouf arrived here Tuesday from Bahrain for a three-day official visit to Qatar.

**Autonomy talks resume in Israel today**

TEL AVIV, Oct. 20 (R) — Israeli and Egyptian officials meet Wednesday for the first time since President Sadat's assassination for talks on Palestinian autonomy but with little hope of progress.

New Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak has said Cairo will continue to seek wider self-rule for 1.5 million Palestinians in Gaza and the West Bank than Israel is prepared to grant. An Israeli official said Israel had no fresh proposals to make but said: "We will be watching to see if there is any shift or some new nuance in the Egyptian position."

If the Egyptians also maintain their previous position, "there is little chance of progress," he said. The meeting is being held in Tel Aviv and follows the resumption of talks in Cairo last month after a break of 16 months caused by earlier deadlock.

The two countries have agreed experts should meet five times by mid-January to try to find areas of possible agreement. This will be the first of these sessions and it is expected to last all week.

Israel has announced a plan to replace many military administrators in the occupied areas with Israeli and possibly Palestinian civilians since the two sides last met. This, and the lifting of some restrictions, has totally failed to tempt the Palestinians to support the autonomy talks.

**Asaad reelected house speaker**

BEIRUT, Oct. 20 (R) — Kamel Asaad was reelected to the influential post of speaker of the Lebanese parliament for the 15th time in an annual vote by the House Tuesday state-run Beirut radio reported. The position is conventionally regarded as the second ranking in the country after the president of the republic.

Under an unwritten agreement dating from Lebanon's independence in 1943, it is always held by a Shiite Muslim, while the president is a Maronite Christian and the prime minister a Sunni Muslim.

Asaad is normally returned unopposed, but this year another deputy, Abdul Latif Zein, stood against him. The incumbent speaker won by 66 votes to 13.

**On new prime minister**

**Iran parliament holds closed session debate**

TEHRAN, Oct. 20 (Agencies) — The Iranian parliament was Tuesday debating in closed session the nomination of Ali Akbar Velayati, 36, a physician who completed post-graduate studies in the United States as Iran's youngest-ever prime minister.

He was nominated Monday to succeed Muhammad Reza Madavi Kani, who resigned last week to give Iran's newly-elected President Ali Khamenei a free hand to choose a new premier. Kani, a senior clergyman, had held the post since early September, when President Muhammad Ali Rajai and his Prime Minister Muhammad Javad Bahonar were killed in a bomb blast in the prime minister's office.

Velayati, a member of the central committee of Iran's ruling Islamic Party, is known as an militant. Observers noted that, if

approved, Velayati would take office in a very different climate from that encountered by Kani. The mood in the Iranian leadership appears to have switched from insecurity to new confidence.

Officials have repeatedly stated that security is now under control, and parliamentary Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani said that Iran was almost rid of "political terrorism," and could now turn its attention to "economic terrorism."

Though armed clashes and violent incidents continued around the country, revolutionary prosecutor Hojatoleslam Musavi Tabrizi Tuesday predicted a reduction in the number of executions. Tabrizi said the reduction was "probable" because the regime had nearly succeeded in destroying the most active opposition group, the leftist Mujahedeen.

**Japan may pull out of Iran project**

TOKYO, Oct. 20 (AP) — The bombing by Iraqi MiG fighters Monday of the Bandar Khomeini petrochemical complex in southern Iran could bring Japan a step closer to pulling out of the costly, long-troubled joint venture. "A bomb is a bomb. So we'll have to consider how to proceed," Karoku Yamaguchi, president of the Iran Chemical Development Company, said Tuesday. ICDC is the Japanese parent company that owns 50 percent of the stock in the Iran-Japan Petrochemical Company. Yamaguchi said too few details were known about the extent of the bombing to tell exactly how it might affect the \$3.17 billion project.

But in recent months, Japan has come close to withdrawing from the venture, its largest foreign investment project. The latest suspension of construction on the huge project, now about 85 percent complete, came in September 1980 when it was bombed five times during fighting between Iraq and Iran. Since then, no Japanese technicians have been at work on the site, said a spokesman for the Mitsui Group, the principal investor in the project. Japan's part in the construction of the complex began in November 1977, but

was halted in March 1979 due to the Iranian revolution.

In April, the Mitsui Group cut off all funds to the project over the protest of Tehran. In August, an Iranian delegation was slated to come to Japan to discuss the status of the project, but it never came, said a Mitsui spokesman.

Meanwhile, the lengthy process of settling U.S. financial claims against Iran, which is left-over business from the hostage release agreement, begins Tuesday before a joint U.S.-Iran tribunal at The Hague in the Netherlands. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are to be filed with the tribunal between Oct. 20 and Jan. 19 of next year.

A State Department legal officer said it could be a long time before Americans receive actual payments of their claims, stemming from the fall of the government of the late Shah of Iran, but he sounded confident they would get a fair hearing. The nine-member Iran-United States Claims Tribunal consists of three Americans, three Iranians and two Swedes and a Frenchman. The latter three were jointly selected by the United States and Iran.

**Parliament nominated for Oman**

MUSCAT, Oct. 20 (R) — Oman has announced the establishment of a nominated parliament, fulfilling a promise by Sultan Qaboos Bin Said last November to allow more public participation in government.

The Sultan issued three decrees Monday setting up the 45-member state advisory council, the first parliament in a country where modern development began only 10 years ago. Kuwait has an elected assembly.

The decrees said the advisory council would meet at least four times a year and submit recommendations to the Sultan.

The decrees named many of the first members, who will serve for two-year terms. Seventeen are government officials and others prominent businessmen and provincial notables.

**King Hussein returns home**

AMMAN, Oct. 20 (AP) — King Hussein returned home Tuesday after touring seven Arab states to discuss Middle East peace proposals before his trip to Washington next month.

During the past four days, the king met with leaders of the various states to discuss Middle East problems in general and to explore sentiments on the eight-point peace proposals put forth by Crown Prince Fahd on the Mideast. Prime Minister Mudar Badran accompanied the king during the trip to Iraq, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman.

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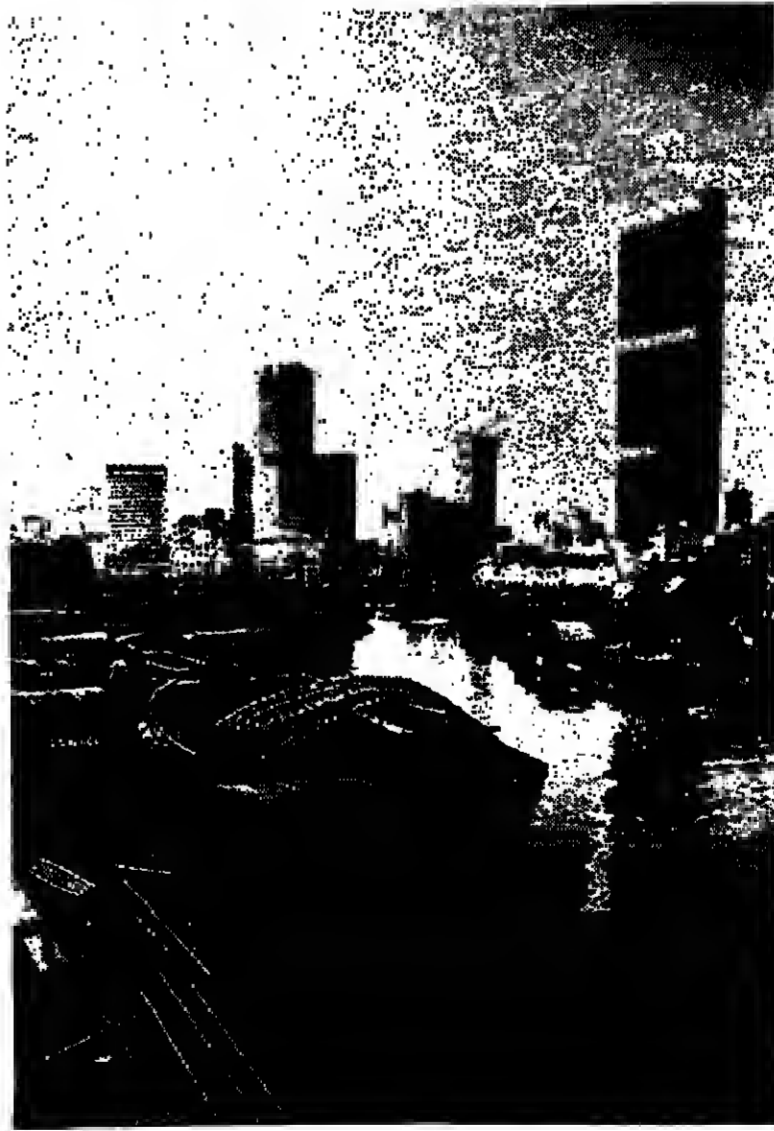
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# Blood, organ sales help pay the bills

By Jim Brooks

**RIO DE JANEIRO (WP)**— The ad read: "Cornea for sale ... please call working days." The price was the equivalent of \$40,000. In this city where the wealthy lavish millions on plastic surgery, the poor are trying to make ends meet by selling their kidneys and corneas.

"It's very simple — on one side you have the man who has money but no vision, and on the other side is me: Vision, but no money," said the man who placed the advertisement and identified himself only as Rubens. "The more people think about it, the more normal it will become," said the heavyset man with chestnut eyes.

Since extraction of a living person's cornea will cause blindness in that eye, people donating corneas usually do so by signing permission for the extraction to take place immediately after death. Two months ago, the Brazilian Red Cross sponsored a nationally televised campaign to solicit such cornea donations.

**Newspapers Offer Organs**  
But squeezed by 100 percent inflation and spreading unemployment, Rubens and dozens of Brazilians began recently to place their kidneys and corneas on sale for immediate delivery through newspaper classified ads.

"The economic situation is critical — three years ago I lived better than now on half my salary today," said Rubens, who supports his wife and child on \$300 a month earned working at Rio's international airport.

Rubens calculates that if he gets his asking price he will have enough to pay for his son's education and secure his future as partially handicapped.

Listed under "medicine and health" in classified columns, the kidney and cornea notices often contain such phrases as: "Financial problems," "best offer," "urgent," "good health," "perfect vision" and "young."

**Blood Sales Flowing**  
The spate of offers to sell organs is a new wrinkle in a longstanding controversy here over the still generally legal practice of the poor supplementing meager incomes by selling their blood to slum-based commercial blood banks.

Sirlei Olga Dos Santos advertised one of his kidneys for \$30,000, and he hopes the sale will be his ticket out of a \$180-a-month job as a night watchman on a construction site for a luxury high-rise.

For the last 10 years Santos has worked a series of jobs. His dream job, playing semiprofessional soccer, ended last year when he was kicked in the knee. "When I was young," said Santos, 23, "I thought I had great opportunities, but now my time has passed. This may be a bit disagreeable, but it's the only thing left."

Several potential buyers have called about his kidney, but no one offered enough money. Confirmed sales are hard to come by. Santos said a friend of his in Sao Paulo sold a kidney in 1973 for \$40,000.

**Black Market Condemned**  
Health officials have condemned the black market in vital organs, but there appears to be little they can do about it, since under Brazilian law the sellers cannot be punished.

Edelberto Luiz Da Silva, legal adviser to the minister of health, warned that a doctor who takes an organ from a living person for later resale faces up to 10 years in jail and can be barred from practicing medicine for 10 years.

Local urologists said they would refuse to perform an organ transplant with a donor if they knew that the organ had been bought. The problem is that once buyer and seller reach an agreement on a deal, neither is likely to tell a doctor that a sale is involved.

**Rejection Is Likely**  
Another problem, specialists say, is the high chance of rejection. To determine compatibility, an expensive series of immunological tests is required.

Silva predicted recently that newspapers would stop running the ads, but the following Sunday, dailies in Brazil's three largest cities carried ads for corneas and kidneys. The Belo

Horizonte Newspaper, *O Estado De Minas*, contained offerings of 10 kidneys and one cornea.

**Blood From The Slums**  
About 75 per cent of blood used in Brazilian hospitals is supplied through commercial blood banks, which are usually located in the impoverished outskirts of major cities. Regular donors are often unemployed and undernourished, and receive \$3 and a bowl of soup in payment for about one pint of their blood. Patients in hospitals pay about \$60 for the same amount of blood.

Government health studies show that about 30 percent of the blood obtained commercially is contaminated with hepatitis virus and 10 percent with an agent that causes chagas disease, an incurable illness that slowly attacks the heart. Blood transfusions are the largest cause of hepatitis in Brazil. Former President Ernesto Geisel recently contracted the disease from tainted blood.

**Blood Export Alleged**  
Brazilian law prohibits the export of blood, but critics have made unconfirmed allegations that up to 75 percent of blood collected commercially here is reprocessed and marketed overseas, primarily in West Germany and the United States.

"Brazil is today the largest exporter of blood in the world," said Nelson Senise, a Rio doctor who was written extensively on blood banks here. "We are selling our blood at banana prices to the industrialized countries."

Last year a documentary film on the blood business drew large audiences and provoked a national debate. Entitled *Down To The Last Drop*, the movie recreates a factual incident involving Juvenil Navarro De Souza, 33, an unemployed Rio resident who regularly earned money to feed his family by selling his blood. One day after selling blood, Souza dropped dead of anemia at the door of a supermarket.

Following the publicity surrounding the movie, the municipality of Sao Paulo banned commercial blood banks, and the federal government joined the Brazilian Red Cross in a campaign to spur voluntary donations at state health centers.

"If 4 percent of the Brazilian population donated blood, the commercial banks would disappear," Red Cross President Mavy Harmon said in an interview. In Rio, the blood banks are still doing a booming business, with some estimates of traffic running as high as 10,000 liters a day.

In the suburban slum of Madureira, the Natal Blood Bank faces the local railroad station, which is used daily by thousands of lower-income commuters. At the end of the line, facing the downtown rail terminal, stands another blood bank. Some people have admitted selling blood to pay the 10-cent train fare.

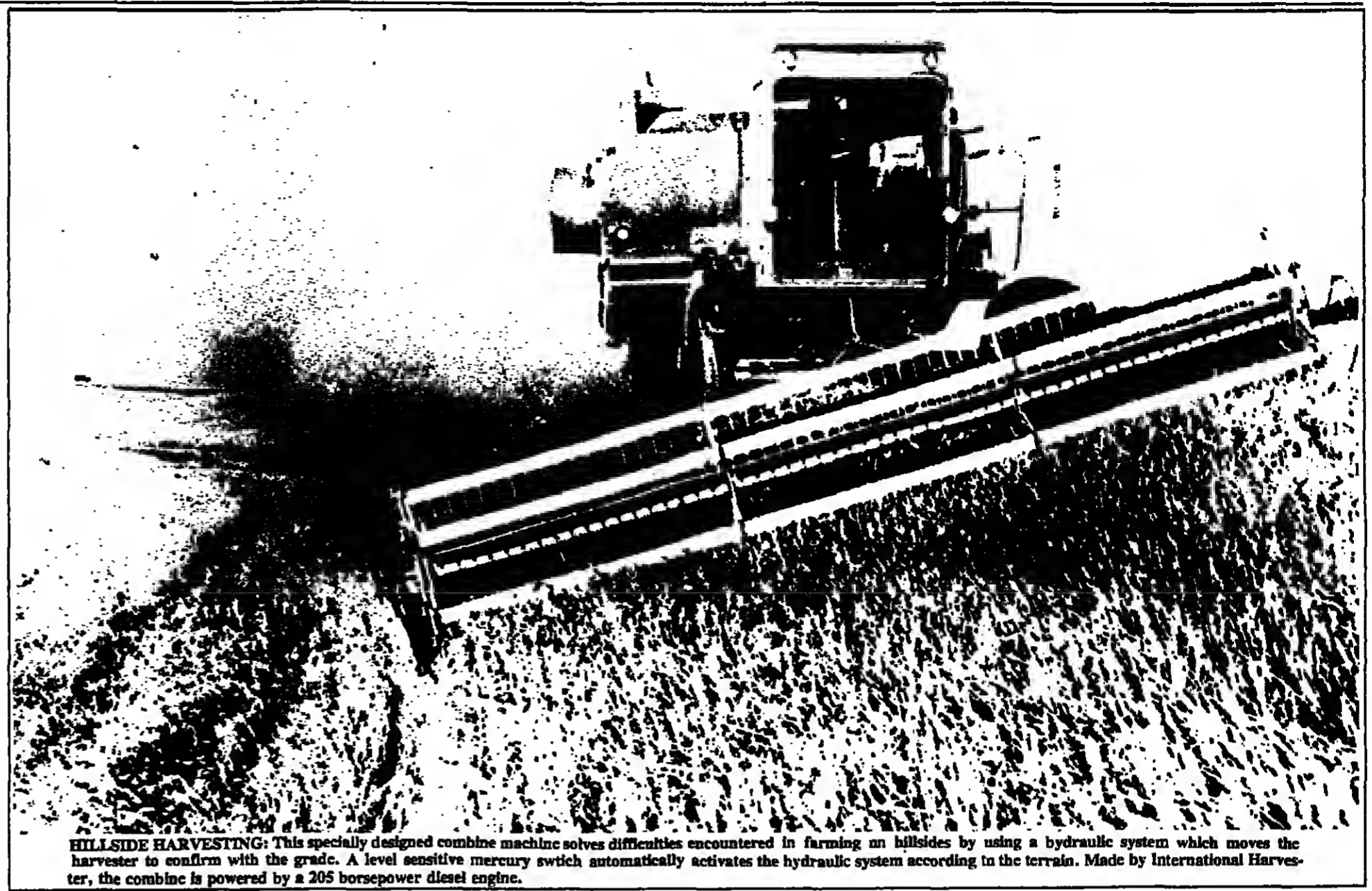
As a reform measure last year, the government created city inspection teams, but a recent visit to the Natal Bank found little evidence of the cleanup. In the third-floor walkup, 12 men sat in a waiting room, bare except for a large crayoned price list: \$3 for RH positive, \$4 for RH negative. In the registration room, the floors were dirty, the walls were greasy to the touch, and a box of garbage sat in an open window.

## Cancer patients can have children

By a science correspondent

**LONDON:** Women with Hodgkin's disease, a form of cancer that attacks the lymph glands, can now not only look forward to long term survival but also to normal child-bearing lives, according to a new study. A team of researchers at Stanford University Medical Center in Stanford, California, monitored 103 women 40 years or younger to see whether they could become pregnant and give birth to healthy children. All of the women had undergone radiation therapy, drug therapy or both for treatment of the disease.

Of the total group, 26 tried to have children after their cancer treatment, and 20 of them succeeded in becoming pregnant.



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## Hemingway's home, haunts attract tourists; even Fidel Castro is a fan of this author

By Kevin Dunn

**HAVANA (R)** — Twenty years after his suicide in the United States, Nobel prize-winning novelist Ernest Hemingway remains a pervasive presence in Cuba. The writer's Cuban home, haunts and hobbies are revered by the Communist government and attract thousands of foreign visitors every year.

The official press regularly publishes articles about Hemingway's life and works, stressing his life-long opposition to fascism and what is said here to have been his sympathy for the 1959 revolution which brought President Fidel Castro to power.

President Castro, who met Hemingway briefly in May 1960, is reported to be a fan. According to the Cuban press, Castro told two foreign interviewers in 1975 that Hemingway, who shot himself in 1961, was one of his favorite American authors. "A very good friend,"

Castro said he was particularly impressed by the novel *For Whom The Bell Tolls*, set during the 1936-39 Spanish Civil War. "It struck me as very interesting because Hemingway spoke of a rearguard action

against a conventional army. That novel was one of the works which helped me work out tactics to fight against (former dictator Fulgencio) Batista," Castro is quoted as saying.

Hemingway's first experience of Cuba was during a brief stop in 1928. After later discovering the island's excellent deep sea fishing he made his home in a beautifully tranquil bouse outside Havana which is now a museum.

Some 20,000 tourists visit the "Finca Vigia" every year, pausing to contemplate the novelist's typewriter, books and table set for dinner.

U.S. travel firms, which have recently begun to offer package holidays to Cuba, invariably include the museum in their itinerary.

In town, Hemingway's favorite haunts, the Florida Restaurant and the Bodeguita Del

Medio, nightly welcome visitors drawn by the legend of the author of *The Old Man And The Sea*.

In La Florida, a 67-year-old waiter remembers serving the man affectionately known as "Papa." "He was a gentleman," he said. "He was also generous," he added, rubbing his fingers together in appreciative remembrance.

La Bodeguita Del Medio, in Havana's elegant Colonial quarter, features an inscription on the wall and a photograph of the author to commemorate his visits.

Nor has the novelist's passion for deep-sea fishing been forgotten. An annual international competition, held from the quay of Barlovento outside Havana, bears his name. It was after competing in the tournament that Hemingway met Castro.

The skipper of Hemingway's fishing-boat, and a life-long friend, Gregorio Fuentes, is

still alive and still reminiscing. Now 84 years old, Fuentes recalls how Hemingway had his boat armor-plated in world war II and sailed the straits between Cuba and Florida in search of German submarines.

"We detected one submarine which American planes were able to destroy and we picked up many sailors from allied ships which had been sunk," he said.

He also recounts an incident in the Florida when Hemingway spotted what he believed to be a German spy. According to Fuentes, the author approached the suspected man and spoke to him in German. "He made the mistake of answering back," Fuentes said.

"Hemingway's right fist, straight to the chin, sent him rolling on the ground and broke a table. He was unconscious. "Hemingway returned to his table without a flicker of emotion."

## U.S. destroys counterfeit watches

By Julio Moran

**LOS ANGELES** — In a scene resembling a public execution, more than 4,000 counterfeit Cartier watches were destroyed by U.S. Customs officials recent at the Federal Building parking lot here. As a 12-ton roller smashed the bogus copies of the Cartier Vermeil timepieces into scraps of metal, plastic and broken glass, Blain D. Perrin, chairman of Les Must De Cartier, smiled and said, "I'm happy to have come from Paris to see this. It's kind of a victory."

The destroyed watches — made with inferior movements worth only a few dollars — sold on the street at prices ranging from \$300 to \$500 each. The authentic Cartier Vermeil is made with a gold-plated sterling silver base and sells for \$650.

When several watches escaped the weight of the roller, Perrin stooped down and tossed them back into the pile for an additional run.

Sighting another watch that had survived the impact of the machine, Perrin stomped on it with his foot. There was nothing left of it when finished.

The public destruction marked the first time counterfeit products have been destroyed by government officials under the provisions of a new customs law passed three years ago.

Previously, products determined to be counterfeit were simply returned to their point of origin. Producers of many of the high-priced items being counterfeited worldwide lobbied for the amended law allowing for the destruction of the bogus products.

The fake timepieces were discovered in California in December 1979 while en route to Tijuana, Mexico, from Zurich, Switzerland, a center for the production of fake name-brand watches.

A U.S. Customs inspector became suspicious when he noticed during a routine inspection that the watches were bundled in plastic

wrappers. The seven crates containing the 4,000 watches were seized. The watches were later confirmed as fakes by Cartier officials.

According to Perrin, the counterfeiting of Cartier products — which also include clothing, leather goods, lighters and calculators — has been going on since the 1930s.

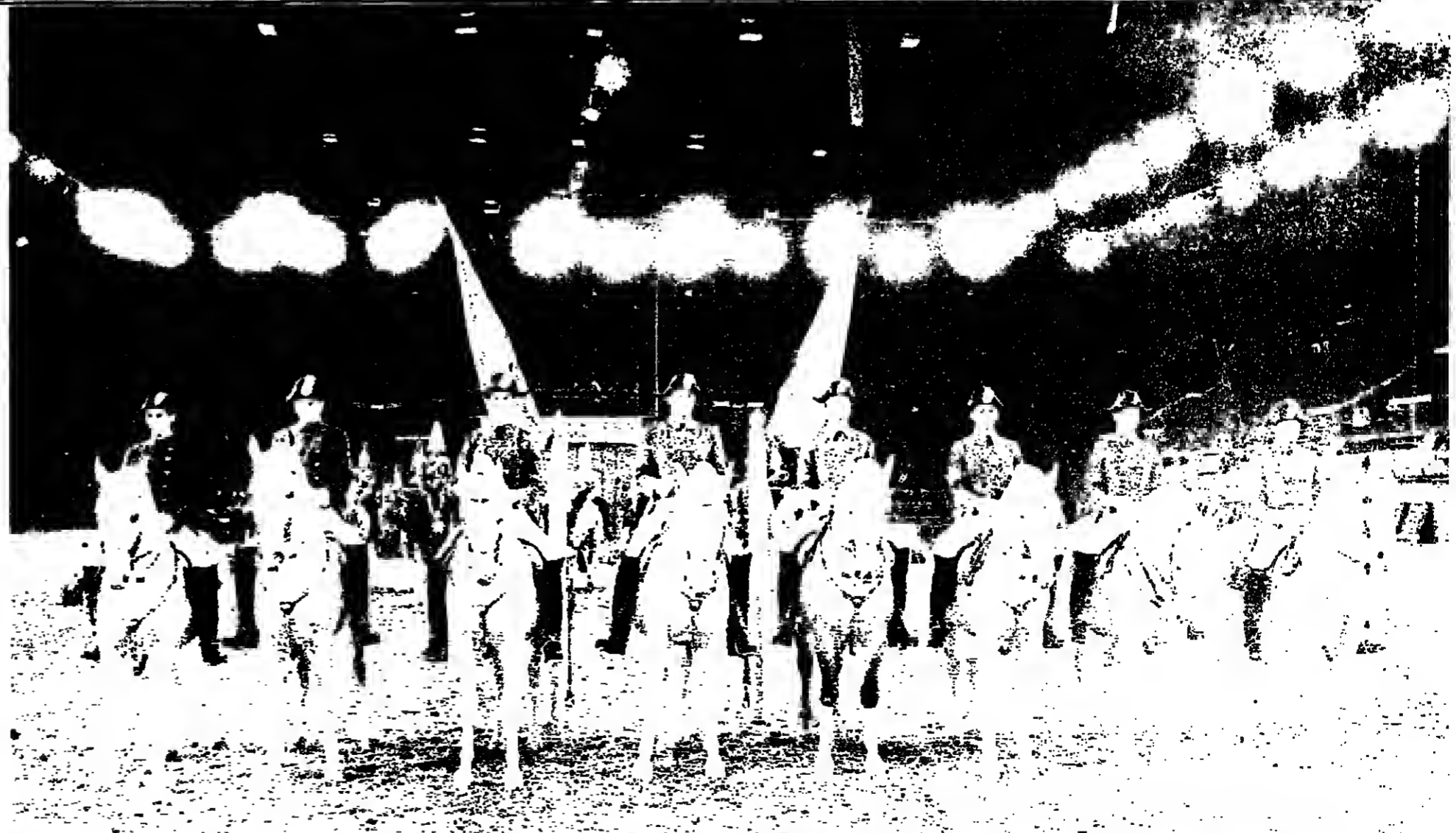
"There are noticeable differences," Perrin said, "but most people don't know what the authentic watch is supposed to look like. They just see the Cartier name and buy them."

"The only way to be sure you have an authentic Cartier is to buy at Cartier or at an authorized dealer. It's impossible for people to claim they've been cheated when they buy on the street. They know they're buying fakes."

While the U.S. remains a top market for the counterfeit products, Perrin says the market is even bigger in such countries as Morocco, Brazil, Italy, Hong Kong and Japan.



**RIDING HIGH:** The chief rider from the Spanish Riding School of Vienna performs a "levade" in London during a presentation of classical horsemanship. The horse rears on its haunches, lifting its front feet off the ground and maintaining that position.



**AT ATTENTION:** Eight members of the Spanish Riding School line up at attention in London during a presentation of their skills which is continuing through Oct. 22. The school is the only riding academy in the world to cultivate classical horsemanship.

Costs \$2,700 million

## Australia to buy Hornet fighter

CANBERRA, Australia Oct. 20 (AP) — Australia will acquire the twin-engine McDonnell Douglas F-18 Hornet as the new fighter for its air force, in a deal estimated at 2,430 million Australian dollars (\$2,700 million).

The government has chosen the Hornet instead of the General Dynamics single-engine F-16 — thus ending a battle between the two American manufacturers which has been waged for almost 10 years. Defense Minister James Killen announced the deci-

sion Tuesday in parliament, as part of a major statement on new weaponry.

The Hornet project involves purchase of 75 aircraft — 57 single seaters and 18 dual-seater models, to replace aging Mirage fighters. The F-18 has been developed from the outset as a multirole aircraft, with all-weather, air-to-air and air-to-surface missiles, and all-weather navigation and weapons targeting systems. These systems give it unparalleled flexibility," said Killen. "Because it was designed to operate from

aircraft carriers, reliability and ease of maintenance were essential elements of the specification of the F-18. The testing program has established confidence that these objectives — and from them a very high level of availability — will be achieved," he added, explaining the decision.

"The F-18 is well suited to deployment and operation from forward bases because it requires relatively little airfield support and test equipment. It is well suited to our operating, deployment and maintenance requirements," Killen said.

Killen said the Royal Australian Air Force expected to receive its first F-18 before the end of 1984, and pilots will begin training in 1985. Delivery will be completed in 1990, he said. Agreement had been reached with the U.S. contractors for the trial to be carried out on the aircraft in Australia. The engines would also be assembled and tested in Australia.

### SDP chooses Shirley to contest by-election

LONDON, Oct. 20 (AFP) — Britain's new Social Democratic Party Monday chose its co-leader, Shirley Williams, to stand in a by-election at Crosby in northern England. Mrs. Williams, who served as a moderate Labor member and cabinet minister before helping found the new party, was also endorsed by the Liberal Party.

The by-election, whose date has not been set, has been caused by the death of the Conservative incumbent, R.G. Page, who won it by a comfortable majority over a Labor Party opponent.

The Crosby vote will be another test for the new centrist electoral pact between the Social Democrats and the Liberals. The alliance's candidate is favored in another by-election due to be held in the south London suburb of Croydon Thursday.

## Italy to build giant dome over Pompeii ruins

POMPEII, Italy Oct. 20 (AP) — Italy Tuesday launched an international "Project Pompeii" to build a giant umbrella or dome over the 2,000-year-old ruins — one of the world's most popular tourist sites.

Announcement of the \$100 million plan coincided with the spectacular retrieval in West Germany of six marble and bronze statues stolen three years ago from the off-plundered city. The recovery was a symbol of Italy's new aggressive intent to track down stolen art treasures.

Trying to drum up interest — and funds — for the project, Culture and Environment Minister Vincenzo Scotti is setting out on a week-long trip to inaugurate major exhibits from the ancient Roman city in Washington, D.C.; Lille, France; and Mexico City.

"We have already lost a lot (from decay of the ruins). Humanity has lost a lot, which will never be recovered," Scotti told an auditorium packed with archeologists, local officials and members of the European Parliament. In the year 79 A.D., a blanket of volcanic ash and cinders from nearby Mount Vesuvius buried one of the Roman empire's most bustling cities and its 20,000

inhabitants.

In 1748, archeologists unearthed the city and Germany's classic writer Goethe declared prophetically: "Of all the world's catastrophes, none was provoked so much joy to successive generations."

But since then, the brilliant reds and blues of frescoes preserved for centuries under the airtight seal have faded in the exposure of the sun and rain. Plants and trees pressing up among the houses have widened cracks in the walls. Thieves have plundered the city in nighttime incursions.

In 1978, a gang made off with six statues of cherubs and ducks from the archeological museum. Col. Pio Alfano, of the Culture Ministry's investigative paramilitary police section, tracked down the thieves in Munich, Cologne and Frankfurt and recovered the works. They had been cracked into pieces for easier smuggling out of the country.

The coup de grace in Pompeii's slow decay came last November, when the southern Italian earthquake opened cracks in more than 100 buildings and forced the cordoning off of a large area from tourists. An emergency plan started last February

catalogued the 3,000 buildings of the city and stored 170,000 files in a computer with the help of soldiers and treasury employees.

A second phase is scheduled to start in 1982, when reinforced steel rods will be driven into walls as supports, and earth tremor detectors will be installed. Scotti said in an interview that the last phase, to be overseen by an international scientific committee, would be to mount a protective roof over large parts of the city.

The roof idea stirred controversy for years, but Scotti said "a courageous decision" was needed in order to prevent further decay. Scotti said he would leave it up to technicians to decide details of the umbrella-like roof.

Amedeo Maiuri, one of the great archeologists of the early 1900s, had already opposed a roof on the grounds it would make Pompeii look "like a chicken coop."

And one of the leading resident architects, Federico Federico, said the ecological balance would suffer from the chasing away of wild rabbits and foxes, and the landscape would be spoiled.

## U.S. Supreme Court studies death penalty

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (AP) — Four years after banning the death penalty for convicted rapists, the U.S. Supreme Court is considering attempts to bar executions for two other types of criminals. The high court agreed Monday to decide the constitutionality of — executing accomplices of criminals who kill someone during a major crime.

At issue are those convicted and sentenced to die under felony murder laws — criminals who didn't commit the slaying and usually didn't intend to cause anyone's death. The justices agreed last April 6 to decide whether juveniles can be sentenced to death for murder.

Lawyers for Monty Lee Edding, who gunned down an Oklahoma state trooper at age 16, claim that executing someone for committing murder at that age would be unconstitutional.

Both cases are expected to be decided by next July. But they are expected to have only a limited impact on the more than 800 persons now on death row nationwide. On June 29, 1977, the high court banned the use of the death penalty for rape, striking down the death sentence for condemned Georgia rapist Ehrlich Anthony Coker.

Justice Byron R. White, writing the majority opinion in the rape case, indicated that the death penalty may be valid only for those convicted of murder. Only a year earlier, the high court ended a four-year moratorium on imposing the death penalty.

In the case acted on Monday, Florida death row inmate Earl Edmund was convicted of murder in the April 1, 1975, slayings of a Hardee county, Florida, couple. Edmund's appeal says he helped plan the robbery of a home near Wanchula, Florida, but did not know his accomplices would gun down the couple.



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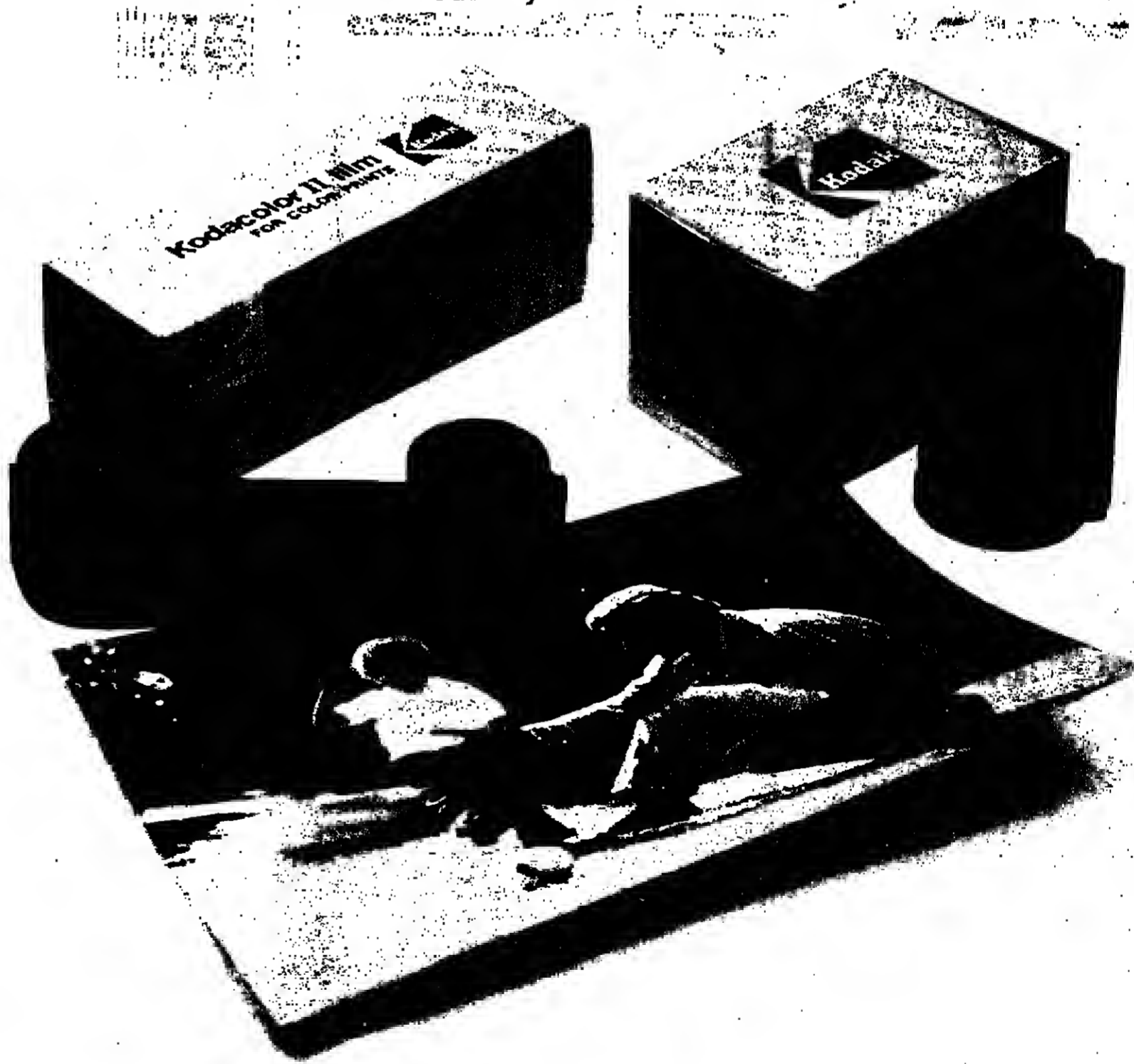
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# EEC strikes accord on food surplus cut

LUXEMBOURG, Oct. 20 (AFP) — Ministers of agriculture of the 10 European Economic Community (EEC) countries have agreed on the need for cutting down food surplus within the EEC, but they could not agree on how to do it.

Meeting here Monday to thrash out ways of streamlining common farm policies, they also disagreed on whether or not to enter into long-term accords on food exports to third world countries.

Most members agreed that a regressive system of price guarantees for over-production would help reduce food surpluses. Even France, for the first time, agreed on regressive sliding prices for wheat, barley and milk.

Britain, Denmark, and the Netherlands favored European Commission proposals for such a system, but they claimed the method proposed by France and backed by Belgium

and Italy to achieve it would unfairly penalize efficient producers.

French Agriculture Minister Edith Cresson slammed the "lack of political will" showed by Britain and West Germany in refusing to sign long-term food export contracts with Third World countries.

She felt the only way to break into foreign markets was to follow the examples of the United States, Canada and Italy in signing such contracts.

But the British and West Germans, on the other hand, claimed that this was in violation of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT). There was also disagreement on whether to restrict imports of cattle fodder from outside the EEC. France claimed that such imports hindered efforts to reduce EEC grain surpluses and attacked what it called "numerous" violations of Common Market preference policies.

## In Japan

### Rising prices hit housing trade

TOKYO, Oct. 20 (AFP) — The booming Japanese economy has not prevented a shortage of homes in this over-populated nation, where property prices have soared to unheard-of heights.

Only really rich Japanese families these days can hope to buy their own home, and this is especially the case in over-crowded towns and cities.

The average family flat in Tokyo, with an area of about 63 square meters, costs a staggering 27 million yen (\$120,000), or five times the average annual income of a prospective buyer.

The price rise in housing over the past few years is generally attributed to the chronic lack of building space. In the past 12-month period ending in June, land prices have risen by 9.1 percent, according to official figures.

Although it was slightly less than the preceding 12-month period of 11.5 percent, it

was well above the current national inflation level of 4.4 percent.

The highest property prices are in Tokyo's district of Chiyoda, where one square meter is valued at 952,000 yen (\$4,100). But this is only a theoretical price, for even higher prices are in fact paid by rich home-seekers.

The net result of this pattern has been to prevent millions of Japanese from being able to afford to buy homes, and this in turn has caused a serious recession in the building trade. Many construction firms and estate agents are literally fighting for survival.

The usual method of buying a home in Japan is to arrange a bank loan at a general interest rate of eight percent, together with a loan from a subsidized government agency at 5.5 percent interest. Building societies also offer loans on homes.

# U.S.-Europe laser phone link planned

PORTNEWARK, New Jersey, Oct. 20 (R) — A laser-powered undersea telephone cable, capable of carrying 36,000 simultaneous conversations, will link Europe and the United States in 1988, the Bell Telephone System has announced.

It will cost \$720 million to lay the cable under the Atlantic, Richard Nichols, vice president of the long-lines department of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, told a press conference aboard the Bell System's cable-laying ship, the C.S. Long Lines.

He said the cable, which delivers telephone calls on pulses of light laser-propelled across hair-thin strands of glass, will be able to carry five times more calls than the most advanced undersea cable systems currently in use.

Laser-powered cables are being introduced to meet rapidly increasing demands for overseas calls. More 160 million U.S.-overseas calls were made in 1980, about 70 times the number made in 1960.

# Japan to supply 55 robots to U.S.

OSAKA, Oct. 20 (AFP) — Osaka Transformer Company Tuesday announced an order for 55 robots to be installed at a Nissan factory in the United States.

Delivery will begin next March. The robots will carry out assembly work in a light truck factory being erected in Tennessee. The plant is due for completion late in 1983.

Osaka Transformer itself has a U.S. subsidiary, OTC, which it intends to develop with a view to increased robot sales in the United States. It plans to set up technical services covering robots at Nashville.

# Malaysia seeks aid from Iraq

PENANG, Oct. 20 (AP) — Malaysia is seeking Iraq's assistance to finance a multimillion dollar palm oil project to be undertaken by the government.

Iraqi Ambassador Wahhi Abdul Razak Fattah said Tuesday the terms of financing for the project was still under discussion between his government and the Malaysian primary industries and foreign affairs ministries.

Meeting with reporters before calling on acting Chief Minister Teb Ewe Lim at Hidihee, Wahhi said that the negotiations which started three months ago, had yet to decide a site for the project.

Wahhi, here on a two-day official visit to Penang, said financing of the project, which was the first by his government, would be on soft-loans terms basis.

# Zambia to hold 17-nation summit

LUSAKA, Oct. 20 (AP) — Zambia will convene a 17-nation Summit in December to form a regional preferential trade agreement in east, central and southern Africa, Siseke Mwale, special government aide for economic cooperation, said Monday.

Mwale told a reporter the trade agreement would be the first step toward establishment of a regional common market. The idea of regional trade conferences has been discussed for several years, despite the collapse of the East African Community, which included Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania. Mwale said the summit would take place under the guidance of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa.

# Building activity in U.S. dips 1.7%

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20 (AFP) — New buildings in the U.S. declined 1.7 percent in September to an annual rate of 918,000, the lowest figure since 1975, the Commerce Department reported. Permits dropped 2.4 percent in September to an annual rate of 844,000.

The building industry, one of the basic barometers of the economy, has been hampered for months by very high interest rates which have curbed credit for housing.

# Runaway inflation adds to Polish woes

## Shortages abound

WARSAW, Oct. 20 (AFP) — Runaway inflation has turned Poland into a seller's market, compounding the economic problems faced by the country's new three-in-one leader, Gen. Wojciech Jaruzelski.

Gen. Jaruzelski was named first secretary of the Communist Party over the weekend in addition to his responsibilities as premier and defense minister.

The supply situation in Poland has worsened over the past year, partly due to shortage of raw materials and primary necessities, energy cuts and a new factor in a Communist country: waves of strikes.

Inflation is fuelled by the fact that Poles have money to spend, but little to spend it on. Latest statistics show that for every 1,000 zlotys in Polish pockets there are only 750 zlotys worth of merchandise on sale.

From September 1980 to September of this year, industrial production has decreased by 14 percent while salaries have increased by 27.9 percent.

Polish debts to the West, estimated at some

\$27 billion, weigh heavily on a foreign trade position which is further weakened by sagging exports.

The final resolution passed by last weekend's plenum of the Communist Party central committee used words such as catastrophic and disastrous to outline Poland's economic situation.

The resolution said that, with winter coming on, all Poles in positions of responsibility should give top priority to:

Increased mining output, particularly in the coal basin. Better distribution systems, particularly to ensure that local supplies of rationed goods at least meet the demand of ticket-holders. Sufficient fuel for farmers, be it coal, electricity or other sources of energy. Improved public transport, which requires faster deliveries of spare parts, tires and batteries for buses. Larger stocks of medicine and pharmaceutical products.

Gen. Jaruzelski will need imagination as well as severity if such priorities are to

become realities. He faces a public which is increasingly fed up with lining up for rationed meat, butter, flour, rice, sugar, soap, and cigarettes — only to find empty shelves at the end of the queue.

One ray of sunshine lies in reports that the Polish harvest has been satisfactory. Barley, a staple in Polish cooking, has already been taken off the ration list. Before even getting down to work, Gen. Jaruzelski received word, loud and clear, of what the Kremlin expected from him. Soviet President and Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev told him in a message Monday that his political line should move toward strengthening Poland's alliance with the Soviet Union, re-establishing the authority of the Polish Communist Party, and defending "socialist gains" against inroads by "counter-revolutionaries."

Observers in Moscow said the Brezhnev message to Gen. Jaruzelski on his accession as party first secretary sounded more like orders than congratulations.

# Court rules on video makers' liability

SAN FRANCISCO, California, Oct. 20 (AFP) — Video recorder manufacturers and retailers are liable to fines if the video is used to record copyright television programs, even for private use, a San Francisco appeals court has ruled.

The court was hearing a case for copyright violation brought by Universal City Studios and Walt Disney Production against the Sony company which markets video recorders, as well as four retailers who sell them and one person who recorded copyright material.

The court, however, recognized that its ruling could cause "great public injury" if the production and sale of video recorders was banned. It suggested that companies man-

ufacturing videos pay copyrights to television networks, and it sent the case back to a federal court in Los Angeles with recommendation that a way be found to compensate television companies.

The Los Angeles court had earlier ruled that private recording of copyright material was not a copyright violation. "The relief question is exceedingly complex and the difficulty in fashioning relief may well have influenced the district court's evaluation of the liability issue," the appeal's court ruled.

"The difficulty of fashioning relief cannot, however, dissuade the federal court from affording relief to those whose rights have been infringed," it added.

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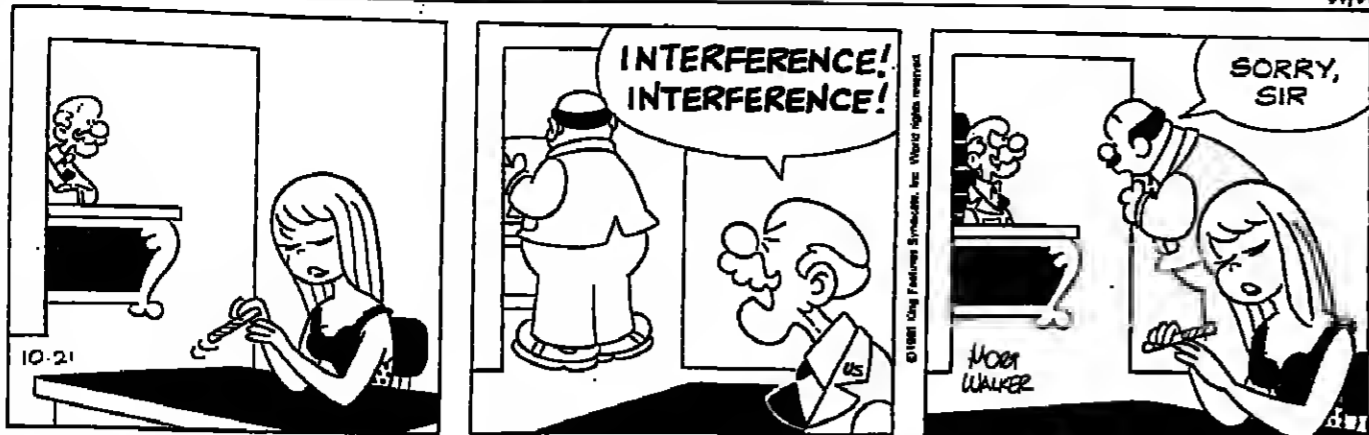
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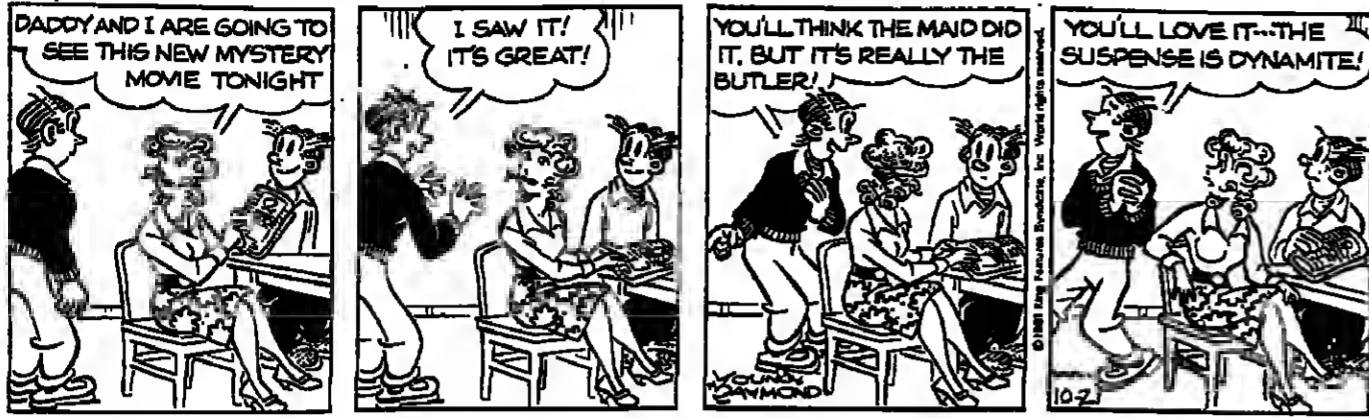




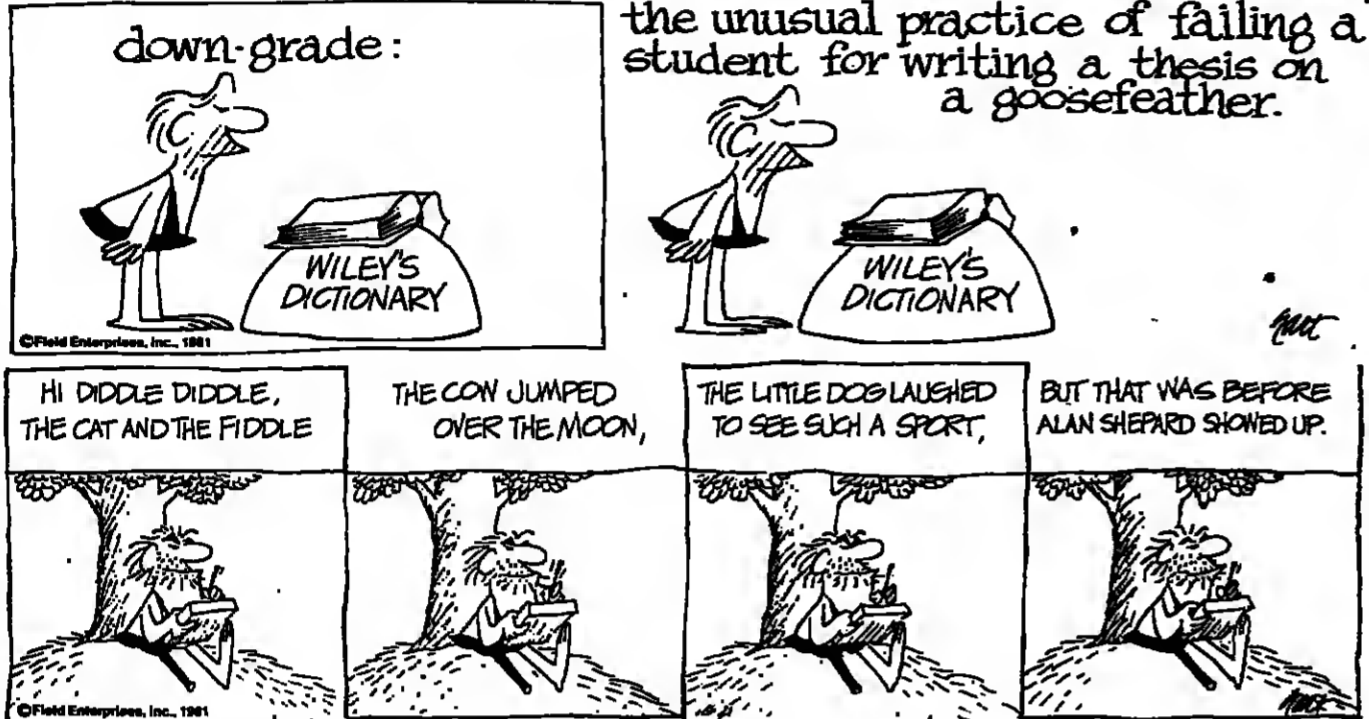
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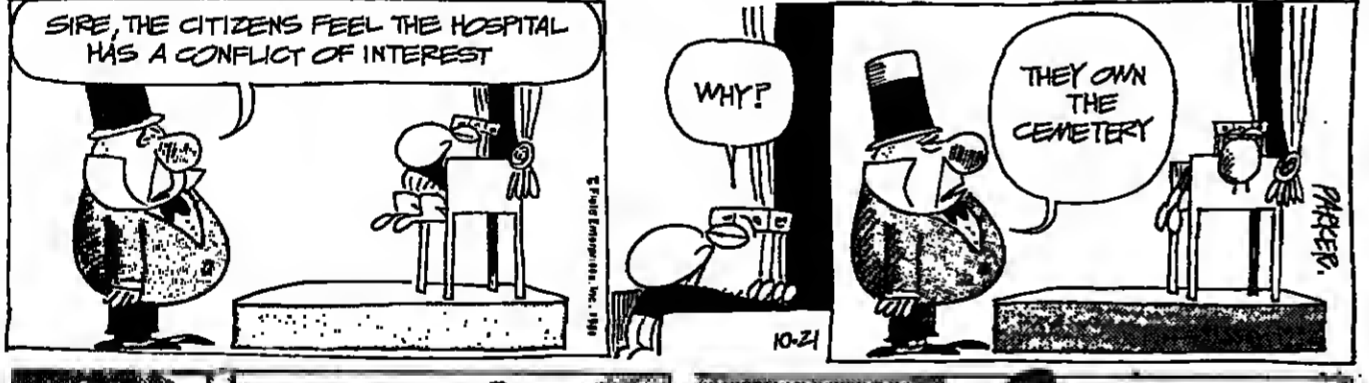
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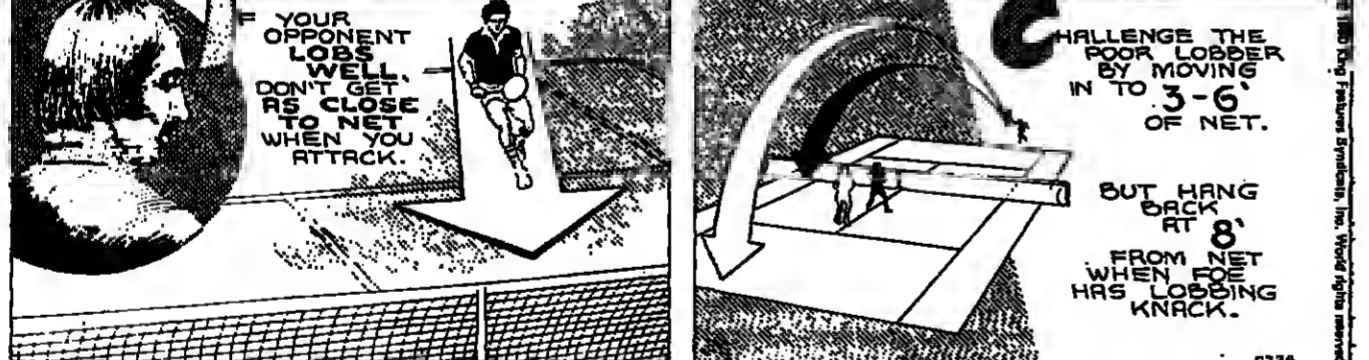
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